

Amendments to the Claims

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1-24. (Canceled)

25. (Currently amended) A topical composition comprising water, approximately 10% to 25% (w/v) glucosamine and at least 10% (w/v) ascorbic acid wherein:

the composition has a pH of about 3.5 to about 4.1; and

the composition is prepared by a process comprising:

(a) dissolving about 10% to about 50% of the ascorbic acid in water at a temperature of between about 60°C to about 90°C to provide an aqueous ascorbic acid solution of at least 20% (w/v);

(b) cooling the aqueous ascorbic acid solution to below about 40°C;

(c) combining the aqueous ascorbic acid solution with water, glucosamine, and ascorbic acid to provide a composition comprising water, approximately 10% to 25% (w/v) glucosamine and at least 10% (w/v) ascorbic acid; and

(d) adjusting the pH of the composition to about 3.5 to about 4.1.

26. (Previously presented) The composition of claim 25, wherein the composition has a pH of about 3.8 to about 4.0 and the pH is adjusted to about 3.8 to about 4.0 in step (d).

27. (Canceled)

28. (New) The composition of claim 1, wherein the ascorbic acid is present in an amount of about 15% to about 25% (w/v) of the composition.

29. (New) The composition of claim 1, wherein the ascorbic acid is present in an amount of about 15% (w/v) of the composition.

30. (New) The composition of claim 1, wherein the water is distilled or deionized water.

31. (New) A topical composition consisting essentially of:

at least 10% (w/v) ascorbic acid;

approximately 10% to 25% (w/v) glucosamine; and

water,

wherein the composition has a pH of about 3.5 to about 4.1.

32. (New) The composition of claim 31, wherein the ascorbic acid is present in an amount of about 15% to about 25% (w/v) of the composition.

33. (New) The composition of claim 31, wherein the ascorbic acid is present in an amount of about 15% (w/v) of the composition.

34. (New) The composition of claim 31, wherein the water is distilled or deionized water.

35. (New) A topical composition comprising:

at least 10% (w/v) ascorbic acid;

approximately 10% to 25% (w/v) glucosamine; and

water,

wherein:

the composition has a pH of about 3.5 to about 4.1;

the composition does not comprise an amino acid; and

the composition does not comprise a non-toxic zinc salt.

36. (New) The composition of claim 35, wherein the ascorbic acid is present in an amount of about 15% to about 25% (w/v) of the composition.

37. (New) The composition of claim 35, wherein the ascorbic acid is present in an amount of about 15% (w/v) of the composition.

38. (New) The composition of claim 35, wherein the water is distilled or deionized water.